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PREVIOUSLY IN KING SPAWN

Black Azrael has finally revealed himself as the cause of both Al and Terry's heartbreak. But why? Why push Spawn towards the throne of HELL?

IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY, CROWDS SEE FIRES BURNING WHERE WANDA BLAKE'S CAR JUST APPEARED. WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS THIS?



I TOLD YOU IN BOTSWANA, BRINGING WANDA BACK IS POSSIBLE. BUT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND, AL, THERE ARE SOME THINGS EVEN YOU CAN'T DO, DESPITE YOUR POWERS.



BUT IF YOU WERE ALL POWERFUL...



YOU COULD DO ANYTHING. THE COURT OF PRIESTS SHOULD HAVE BENT OUR KNEE TO YOU, BUT WE WEREN'T READY.



BUT NOW WE ARE. THE QUESTION IS...



ARE YOU?



IMAGINE YOUR ENTIRE PAST RUSHING AT YOU LIKE A LIVING NIGHTMARE RAMPAGING THROUGH THE STREETS, DESTROYING EVERYTHING AROUND YOU

THE COURT OF PRIESTS KNOWS THEY CAN MAKE SPAWN VULNERABLE, NOT BY ATTACKING HIM DIRECTLY, BUT INSTEAD BY EVISCERATING EVERYTHING HE'S SWORN TO PROTECT

TERRY! GET THESE PEOPLE TO SAFETY—NOW!

IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR THAT

SPAWN'S FLANK IS QUICKLY OVER RUN

AND BLOOD BEGINS TO FLOW

WE GAVE YOU YOUR CHANCE, HELLSPAWN.

YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IT!





I'LL NOT
GIVE YOU THE
SATISFACTION
TO GLOAT AT
OUR MISERY,
SPAWN.

PSALM 137--
DO YOU REMEMBER
WHAT IT SAYS: **"HAPPY
IS THE ONE WHO
SEIZES YOUR ENEMY'S
INFANTS AND BASHES
THEM AGAINST
THE ROCK."**

THE INFANTS
AREN'T SIMPLY
CHILDREN,
SPAWN. THEY'RE
WHATEVER OUR
ENEMY MAY
CHERISH.

WHEN I WAS
A YOUNG ANGEL YOU
BASHED PARTS OF HEAVEN
BEFORE MY EYES. I WATCHED
YOU TEAR THROUGH A FAMILY
OF MY ANGELS. THEY WERE
WEAK. POWERLESS. AND
THAT DEFEAT SHAMED
THEM.

AND IT
SHAMED
ME.

I THOUGHT
MY CHERISHED
HEAVEN WAS
INFALLIBLE. YOU
SHOWED ME
OTHERWISE.

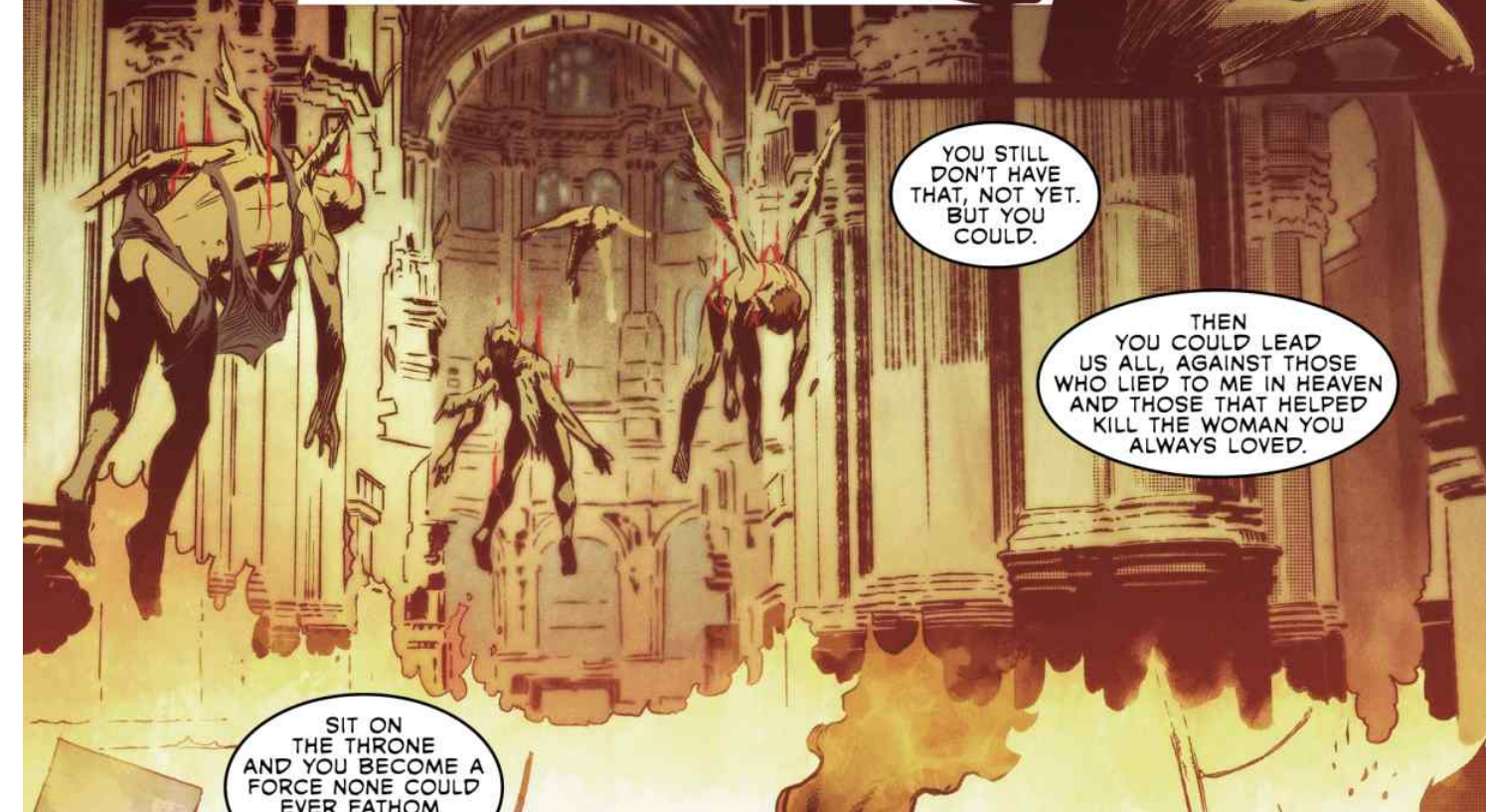




I LEFT
PARADISE. THEN
RIPPED A WING
FROM MY OWN
BACK.

AND AS
MADNESS BEGAN TO
GRIP ME, LIKE IT DOES TO
ALL ONE-WINGED ANGELS,
THE ONLY THING I COULD
SEE WAS YOU. WITH MORE
POWER THAN YOU
DESERVED!

BUT I
LEARNED IT WASN'T
POWER YOU HAD, THAT
WAS A LIE! YOU HAVE RAGE.
YOU HAVE VENGEANCE.
THAT'S NOT TRUE
POWER.

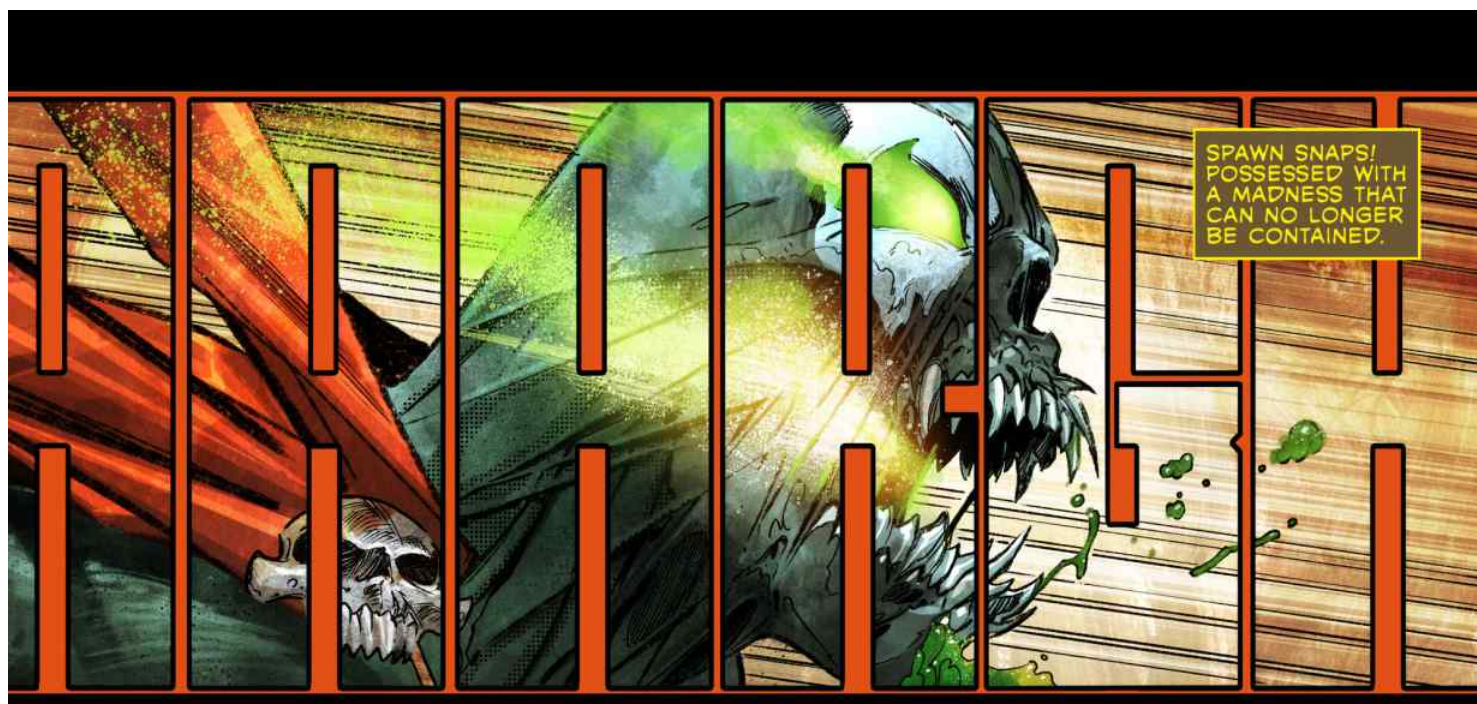


YOU STILL
DON'T HAVE
THAT, NOT YET.
BUT YOU
COULD.

THEN
YOU COULD LEAD
US ALL, AGAINST THOSE
WHO LIED TO ME IN HEAVEN
AND THOSE THAT HELPED
KILL THE WOMAN YOU
ALWAYS LOVED.

SIT ON
THE THRONE
AND YOU BECOME A
FORCE NONE COULD
EVER FATHOM.
**GRAB YOUR
DESTINY!**





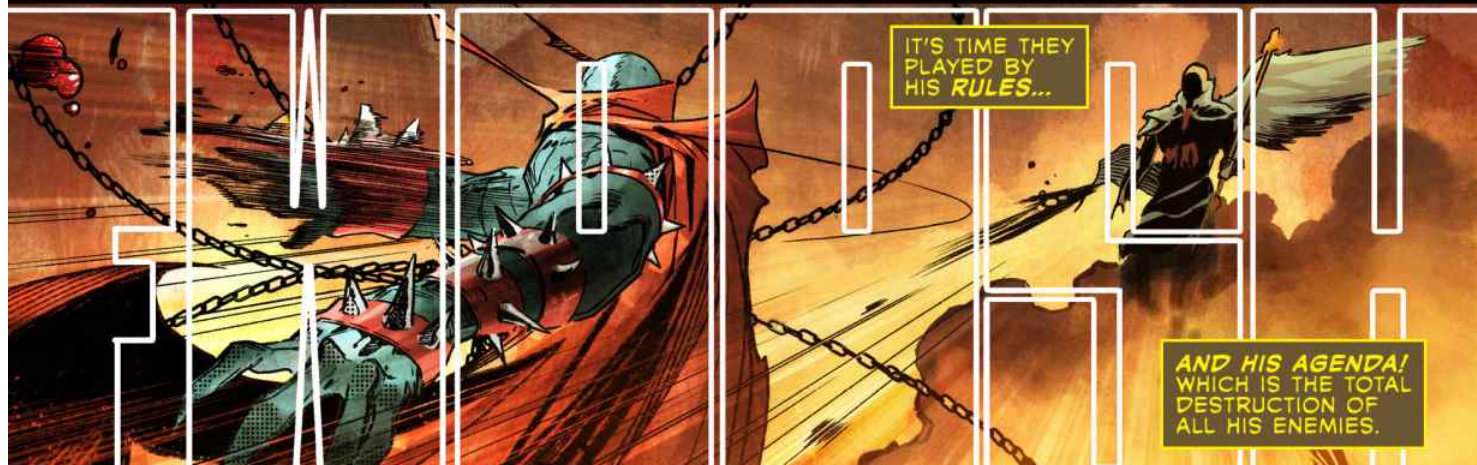
SPAWN SNAPS!
POSSESSED WITH
A MADNESS THAT
CAN NO LONGER
BE CONTAINED.



A MADNESS FROM LISTENING--FOR
YEARS!--TO WHAT OTHERS WANT FOR
HIM. WHAT OTHERS THINK HE NEEDS.



BUT HE'S SICK OF IT!
AND SICK OF THEM!



IT'S TIME THEY
PLAYED BY
HIS RULES...

AND HIS AGENDA!
WHICH IS THE TOTAL
DESTRUCTION OF
ALL HIS ENEMIES.

ESPECIALLY THOSE
THAT STAND IN
SPAWN'S WAY.

YOU
DISAPPOINT ME,
SIMMONS.

WE CAME
TO YOU OUT OF
RESPECT, DESPITE SO
MANY TRANSGRESSIONS
ON MY PEOPLE. BECAUSE
YOUR ENERGY FORCE
GIVES YOU DIVINITY
TO SIT UPON THE
'GOD-THRONE'.

AND THE
OTHERS THAT
CAN ARE NOT TO
BE TRUSTED. BUT
A CLOCK HAS
BEGUN.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR
DRAWS CLOSE. WHEN IT
PASSES, IF YOU ARE NOT UPON
THE MANTLE, YOUR CROWN
AND THRONE CRUMBLES
WITHOUT YOU.

TRIGGERING A
DECREE IN WHICH THE
COURT OF PRIESTS WILL
TURN THEIR WRATH
UPON EARTH.

TURNING IT TO
NOTHING.



SO,
TAKE THIS
OFFER...GO
RAISE YOUR
QUEEN.



AL?

WANDA?



SHE'S
SUFFERED
ENOUGH.



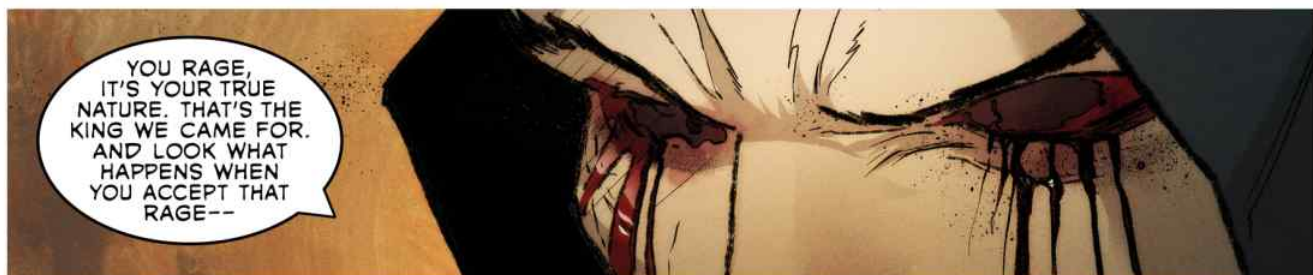
THERE'S A HUNDRED THINGS
HE COULD YELL BACK, HE
WITHHOLDS ALL OF THEM.
HE WON'T DIGNIFY BLACK
AZRAEL WITH A RESPONSE.



AND COUNTER TO
EVERY INSTINCT IN
HIM, HE SEARCHES
FOR CONTROL.

YOU
CAN'T FIGHT
IT, AL.

JASON WYNN WHISPERS
TO HIMSELF AS HE SCANS
SPAWN'S DESTRUCTION.



YOU RAGE,
IT'S YOUR TRUE
NATURE. THAT'S THE
KING WE CAME FOR.
AND LOOK WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU ACCEPT THAT
RAGE--





YOU WANT
ME TO BE YOUR
LEADER, YOUR
SUPPOSED
KING?

FINE,
LET'S
DO IT.



BUT I WANT YOU
TO KNOW RIGHT NOW,
IF I GET THAT POWER MY
FIRST ACT WILL BE TO RIP
YOUR POWERS FROM YOU
THEN KILL YOU WHERE
YOU STAND.

BE CAREFUL
WHAT YOU WISH FOR.
NOW...WHO'S GOT THE
STOMACH TO FINISH
THIS GAME?

THE GROUP STANDS
SILENT, KNOWING THAT
FOR ALL HIS FAULTS,
SIMMONS, DOESN'T
GRANDSTAND. WHEN
HE SPEAKS, HE'S
TALKING FACTS, NOT
IDLE THREATS.

WE ONLY
WANTED TO
SHOW WE WERE
WORTHY.

TO GIVE
YOU THE WORSHIP
YOU DESERVE FROM
THOSE LOCKED IN
THE DEAD ZONES
FOR SO LONG.





YOU'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY, AL. YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO HOLDING YOUR QUEEN ONCE MORE. WHY? WHY WON'T YOU TAKE THAT GIFT?



BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN SEDUCED BY HELL FOR SO LONG YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOUR OWN LIES.

I DON'T.



IF YOU DOUBT US, ASK THE ORACLE. DEMAND GAIA TELL YOU WHAT SECRETS SHE'S PLANNING FOR YOUR EARTH.



I PROMISE, YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT SHE SAYS.



SO,
THAT'S IT? YOU'RE
JUST GOING TO LET
THEM GO, NOT
PAY FOR THEIR
ACTIONS?

THEY
SAID WHAT
THEY NEEDED
TO.

THEN
YOU'VE GONE
SOFT!



I'VE
GOTTEN
WISER.



LOOK.
SEE IT?



THAT'S
THE GODDESS,
HERSELF,
SENDING ME HER
INVITATION.

OR HER
DEATH!



TWO EARTH
YEARS AGO.

WHEN 'THE GREEN' WAS
ALIVE AND HEALTHY.

WHEN ITS WATCHFUL SENTRY, **THE ORACLE**
AND HER FAITHFUL **STEED**, FOUND A
FALLEN ANGEL, BLACK AZRAEL. HE WAS ON
THE BRINK OF MADNESS AS HE ENTERED
THE FOOT OF THEIR SACRED GARDEN.

WITH HIM, A WOMAN'S
LIFELESS BODY SLUNG
OVER HIS SHOULDER.

YOU HAVE
NO PLACE HERE!
GAIA TAKES NONE
FROM HEAVEN OR HELL.
TURN AND LEAVE--
YOU'VE BEEN
WARNED!



YOUR
GODDESS WILL
WANT TO HEAR WHAT
MESSAGE I'VE COME TO
BRING! NEWS SHE HAS
BECOME BLIND AND
DEAF TO!



EVERY ANGEL
GOD CASTS FROM
HIS SIGHT ARRIVES AT OUR
DOORSTEP, BEGGING THE
GODDESS FOR FAVORS.
GO AHEAD **SPEW**
YOUR LIES!



BUT
LIKE THEM,
YOU'LL STILL **NOT**
ENTER THESE
LANDS!

MY PET--
YOU ARE FREE
TO **FEED!**

NEITHER THE ORACLE,
NOR HER STEED,
KNOW WHAT THEY
ARE DEALING WITH.

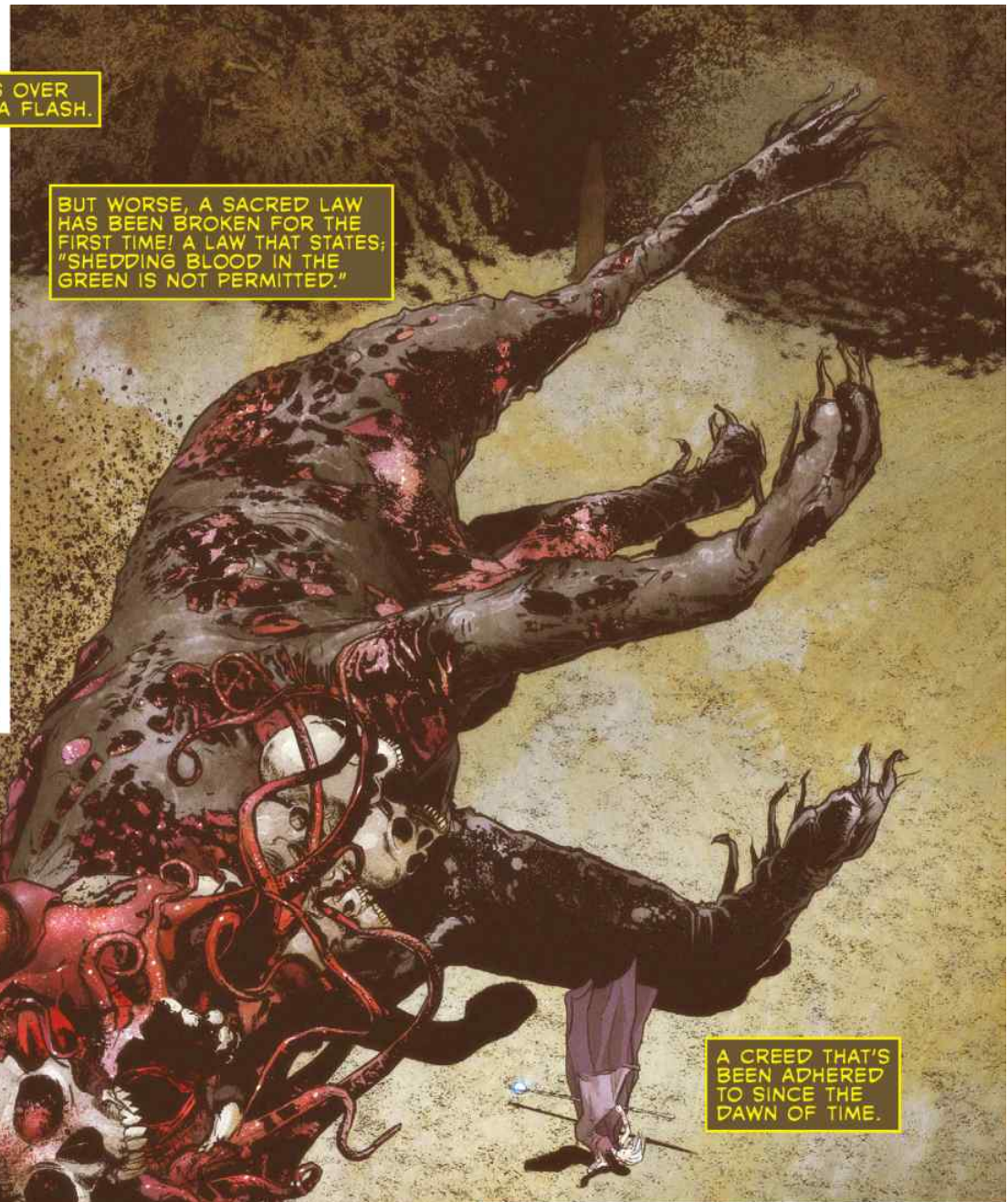


A SHAME,
YOU WERE SUCH
A BEAUTIFUL
CREATURE



IT'S OVER
IN A FLASH.

BUT WORSE, A SACRED LAW
HAS BEEN BROKEN FOR THE
FIRST TIME! A LAW THAT STATES:
"SHEDDING BLOOD IN THE
GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED."



A CREED THAT'S
BEEN ADHERED
TO SINCE THE
DAWN OF TIME.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?! THE
GREEN IS
SACRED!
PURE!



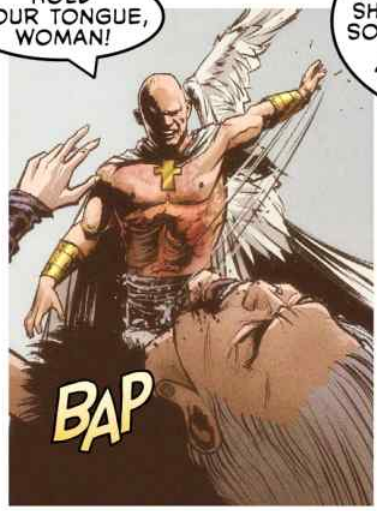
SO,
WAS THIS
WOMAN WITH
ME. THE GREEN
IS THE ONLY
PLACE HER BODY
CAN REST. IT
NEEDS TO BE
WHERE NEITHER
HEAVEN OR
HELL CAN
CORRUPT
IT.



WE DON'T
WANT YOUR
POISON!



HOLD
YOUR TONGUE,
WOMAN!



I CAME
HERE FOR HELP--
AND TO TELL GAIA IF
SHE DOESN'T WAKE UP
SOON HER CHERISHED
EARTH AND THIS
"GREEN" WILL BE
SCORCHED!



BOTH WILL
WITHER AND DIE
AS LAKES BECOME
FIRE. SKIES NOTHING
BUT DOORWAYS...
GIVING PASSAGE FOR
THE HELLSPAWNS







"IT WILL BE
SEISMIC."

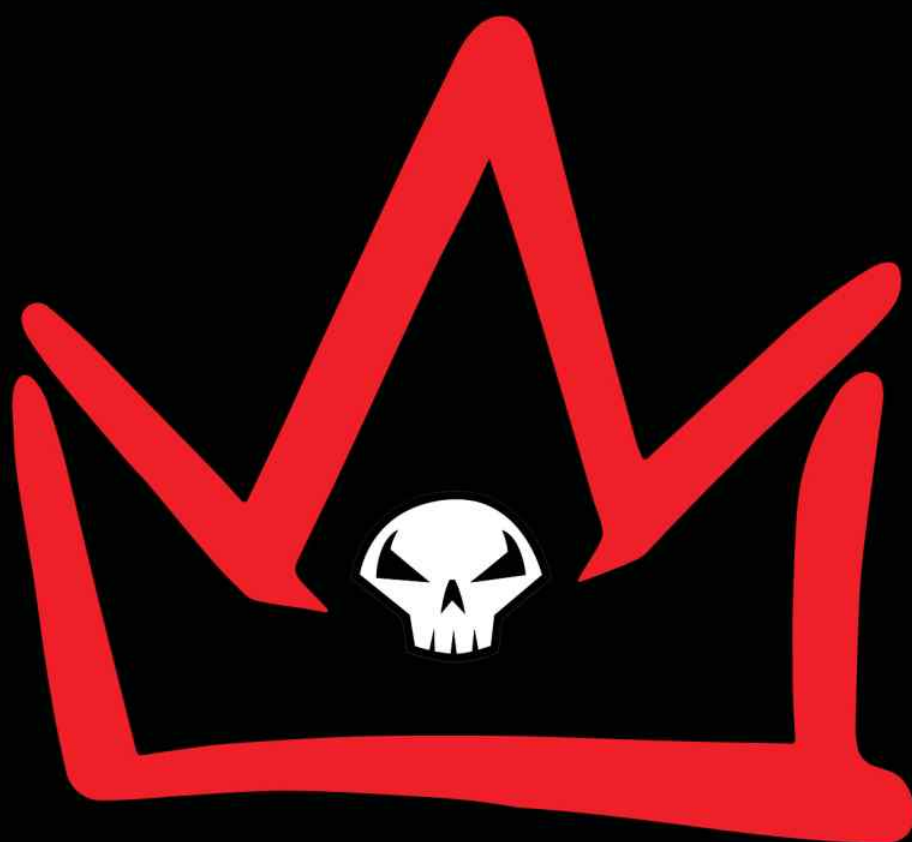
ON EARTH, CRACKS ARE SIGNS
THAT SOMETHING HAS BROKEN.
AND LEFT UNCHECKED, CRACKS
WILL ONLY BECOME WORSE.

WRECKING WHATEVER
IS IN ITS PATH.

AND OFTEN, WE LEARN THE
HARD WAY, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE
IGNORED IT FOR SO LONG.

BUT HERE, IN THE GREEN, THIS
CRACK IS JUST BEGINNING...
UNDERNEATH IT, THE BODY
AZRAEL HAD BROUGHT TO
THE GREEN, OPENS ITS EYE.

THE LONG
SLUMBER OF
THE QUEEN IS
COMPLETE.



SPAWNING GROUND

MARCH MAILBAG

Hey there Spawn team! I just finished reading The Scorched #1 and I must say, it was an absolute blast! Been a long-time Spawn fan and I must say I have been enjoying the expansion of this comic universe. While I do have a million questions, I want to keep it to one specific topic this time...

How will The Scorched define themselves in the world of team comics?

With years of comic book teams in the collective memory of fans, what are the most important aspects of these characters as they attempt to work together? And what kind of threat will challenge their collective powers and abilities?

All the best, keep creating this amazing universe. I hope to bring my own to life one day as well.

-A. CRUZ

I'm glad you only asked a small question. Haha. Well, this is a big challenge, right. When I got hired I went back and read a lot of books I loved when I was a kid: Keith Giffen on Justice League International, A number of Claremont's runs on X-Men, Walt Simonson on Fantastic Four, and so on... probably not the expected books for Spawn. But I wanted the fun, the adventure, the off-the-wall pyrotechnics that those books delivered. And a big thought was how can each character emerge outside of the collective. How does the team make that possible? When I was a kid, all my friends had a different favorite X-Man. Scorched should be the same. Being in a team should make them reveal themselves in a way we never have seen. And I think it will. It'll show their strengths we forgot, but also weakness. Weakness is where their villains come in. And starting very soon- you will see what is in store for them. I promise that. #Devour

-Sean Lewis (Writer of Scorched)

Will we ever see cross-overs into other comics of the Image Universe like we used to? I know it's not all connected like it used to be but it would still be cool to see someone like Spawn show up in Radiant Black or he should have been in Donny Cate's Crossover!

-TONY

It's certainly a little more difficult now with how Image Comics works compared to how it was 30 years ago, but we will never say never! Did you catch Spawn's cameo in The Silver Coin #6? Personally, I'd love for Cy-Gor to show up in Stray Dogs.

Now that The Scorched is launched and going full steam, what other characters will be joining the team? Is Haunt going to join because I love him? I also think that Monolith should come back and be like a Hulk character for the book.

-BRUCE D.

Bruce, we can't spoil all of our plans for the book now can we? But with Haunt back on the prowl, I can assure you that you will still be seeing him in the books. But Monolith in Scorched... Now there is an interesting thought.

Thomas Healy mentioned sending Spawn art to this email. I'm a big Spawn guy and fan.

All art belongs to me and is part of my personal Spawn collection. Hopefully, you can use it in the back as pages on the fan section of monthly comic books.

Thanks.

-DAVE

Dave, we love Spawn Fan art and these pieces in your collection are amazing. Thanks for sharing and thanks for being a fan!

(See Dave's fan art below!)



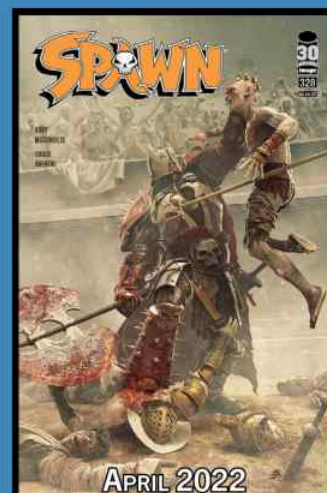
NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

DON'T MISS THESE TITLES:

SPAWN



**KING
SPAWN**



**THE
SCORCHED**



GUNSLINGER
S P A W N

ON GOING NOW!

VELVET DEADLY CLASS *ROYAL CITY*
LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED *CURSE WORDS* **RATQUEENS**
SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**
MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN
HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY
DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*
OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs *SHUTTER*
TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS **BITCH PLANET**
MOTOR CRUSH **WAYWARD** *TREES*
SAGA THE AUTUMNLANDS
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